

REMARKS

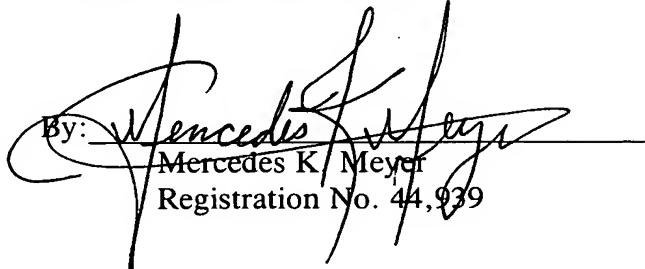
Entry of the foregoing amendments, prior to examination, is respectfully requested. By this Amendment, the paper copy of the "Sequence Listing" is added after the last page of the application (page 22), claims 1-11, 19-26 have been canceled and new claims 27-33 have been added. New claims 27-33 are supported by at least claims 11-24 as originally filed. No prohibited new matter has been added with these amendments.

Based on the foregoing, favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions relating to this application, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

In the event any further fees are due to maintain pendency of this application, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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